



## Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 20th November 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries talked about the importance of learning and using the words please, thank you and sorry, and how 'sorry' can often be the most difficult word to say! This was all done through the story of The Lost Son and with the help of some photographs of puppies! Bird Family meetings focused on the idea of smiling at people and what a difference this can make to someone's day. In our Bird Family assembly, Top Birds were presented with their badges and certificates and agreed to uphold the 'promises' of being a Top Bird.

Reception children have enjoyed Julia Donaldson's story, *Jack and the Flum Flum Tree*. Following advice from his Granny's doctor, Jack went on a journey to find the fruits of the Flum Flum Tree, on the island of Blowyernose. He encountered all sorts on adventures on his travels!

In our games lesson, we went on a treasure hunt. We completed physical challenges to earn special items to put in patchwork bags. Activities included running, jumping, spinning, hopping, balancing eggs on spoons, throwing bean bags, rolling balls and walking on tip toe.

We were challenged to prepare for a journey to Blowyernose in our literacy lessons. We shared ideas about items we would take on the trip and filled a suitcase, drawing and labelling its contents. We role-played Jack's journey to Blowyernose using the items we collected on our Flum Flum physical challenge hunt. Some of us wrote 'Get well soon' cards or designed and wrote postcards.

Our maths focus has been exploring 3D shapes. We were impressed with the children's retained knowledge of 2D shapes and their understanding of how 2D shapes relate to the properties of 3D shapes. We had lots of opportunities to learn more about 3D shapes as we printed faces of 3D shapes, built with a variety of construction toys, reconstructed flattened boxes and made 3D shapes with dough, sticks and clay.

This week we have also had a lot of fun with clay. We discussed the properties of clay. Where does it come from? How does it feel? What can it be used for? We each made an object from clay using a variety of tools to help us create our models.

We have also been thinking about different kinds of books and we have categorised some of our class books into fiction, non-fiction and fantasy books.

**Over the weekend:**

You may like to look at books you have at home and decide which category is their best fit.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – 4.00pm:** Christmas Fayre

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 9.00am - 9.45am:** Reception Christmas Production in the Read Hall

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** 'Wear a Christmas jumper day' (in aid of Special Olympics Norfolk)

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*